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FULL COMMITTEE HEARING ON S. 2449, A BILL TO EXTEND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MISSING PERSONS ACT, AS EXTENDED, UNTIL APRIL 1, 1958

House of Representatives,
Committee on Armed Services,
Washington, D. C., Friday, July 26, 1957.

The committee met at 11:40 a. m., Hon. Carl Vinson, chairman, presiding.

The Chairman. I ask the committee to suspend further consideration of H. R. 8704 for the purpose of calling up—this is a case where the ox is in the ditch. [Laughter.] Senate bill——

Mr. Bray. Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman. Wait 1 minute.

Senate bill 2449, which extends for 1 year the Missing Persons Act. The bill reads as follows:

[S. 2449, 85th Cong., 1st sess.]

AN ACT To extend the effectiveness of the Missing Persons Act, as extended, until April 1, 1958

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 15, Missing Persons Act (56 Stat. 147, 1093), as amended, is further amended by deleting "July 1, 1957" and inserting in lieu thereof "April 1, 1958".

Passed the Senate July 8, 1957.

Attest:

Felton M. Johnston, *Secretary.*

You recall that last March we passed a bill dealing with that subject matter. The Senate has not acted on it. But they passed S. 2449, extending the act for 1 year. It expired on June 30 of this year.

Now, at the last check, there are some 44 families who are entitled to pay under the provisions of this act. There are 44 families that are involved in this, and if we don't pass this bill immediately—I don't know whether the Missing Persons Act, as it passed the House, is going to be considered any further in the Senate. But we must not let these 44 families who are dependent upon their Government checks for their livelihood, as they are families of missing service men, be jeopardized any further.

Without objection——

Mr. Rivers. Without objection.

The Chairman. Without objection, we act favorably on S. 2449.

Mr. Brooks. Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman. Wait——

Mr. Brooks. You have done it. Never mind, then. Our subcommittee can handle the other bill. Now, we have already disposed of it. I do think the subcommittee ought to have been consulted.

The Chairman. Well, all right.

Mr. BROOKS. Before you got the bill through.

I have no objection.

The CHAIRMAN. I ask Mr. Brooks to report this bill and to see the Speaker and the leadership and try to get it through Monday. Because on the 1st of August these 44 families will be denied any checks if this is not passed. Then we will continue to try to get the bill passed dealing with the permament act, H. R. 5807.

Without objection, that is agreed to.

(Whereupon, at 11:45 a. m., the committee proceeded to further business.)

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